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HIMORANDUM

FUBSICT: Radio Free Europe

- The U. S. Covernment has never admitted responsibility for the acts of statements of RFE. However, policy guidance has been given RFE and that guidance, with minor deviations, has been followed, as indicated below.
- 1. In line with National Security Council policy and with the guidance of the Department of State, the policy governing RFE's broadcasts to Hungary and the other satellites was based on the following principal points during the four mouth period between the publication of Khrushchev's secret speech to the 29th CPSU Coagress and the outbreak of the Hungarian revolutions
 - 2. To encourage peaceful evolutionary changes working toward the liberalization of their institutions.
 - k. To excess report the progress of anti-Stalinism and the achievement of a degree of liberalization in the several captive nations.
 - c. To take full propagands advantage of the Tito-Khrushchev deciaration in Beigrade (2 June 1985) which states, "questions of internal organization or differences in social systems are solaly the concern of the individual countries."

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4. As far as can be determined from a review of scripts currently swellable, as RFE broadcast to Hungary before the revolution could be considered:
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at American military intervention.

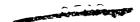
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3. Conclusions:

- a. Policy guidance provided RFE and by RFE to the Hungarian desk was constant with U.S. policies toward satellites. RFE broadcasts were generally consistent with such policies.
- b. From all information available to date, RFE did not incite the Hungarian people to revolution.
- c. From all information available to date, RFE did not directly or by implication offer hope that American military help would be forthcoming to the patriots.
- d. RFE broadcasts went somewhat beyond specific guidance by identifying itself with Hungarian patriot aims, and in offering certain tactical advice to the patriots.
- e. The chronology and nature of events in Hungary and the statements of the Hungarian government itself prior to its overthrow make it clear that the uprising resulted from ten years of Soviet repression and was finally marked by the shooting on 13 October of peaceful demonstrators, and did not result from any external influence, such as a RFE broadcasts or Free Europe leaflets.